

PLAQUE--to-day, 3 new cases; 1 death.

Dysentery, typhoid and smallpox were all prevalent in Nagasaki a week ago.

H.M.S. *Bonaventure* sails for Manila to-morrow, and will take a mail.

A GUNSEI named Jewitt, of the P. and O. steamer *Shanghai*, was charged, at the Magistracy yesterday, with striking a tallyman employed by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company. The defendant admitted the offence, stating that the tallyman, abused him in Chinese. Commander Hastings bound Jewitt over in the sum of one cent to be of good behaviour for a day.

Settling dog has its bite—was the defence set up by Mr H. J. Gudge at the Magistracy to-day, in a case in which Mr S. S. Benjamin was charged with suffering to be at large an unmuzzled ferocious dog. On the morning of 14th June, a chair coolie in the employ of Major-General Black went to Mr Benjamin's bungalow, at the Peak, with a letter, when the dog pounced upon him and bit him severely on the left side. Commander Hastings in dismissing the case said the dog had now lost its character.

led to believe that the Roulettelégation has been regarded as so authoritative, coming as it did from London, that no further official confirmation locally has been considered necessary for the present. We can quite understand, as we have already stated, that details of many kinds, and delimitations of boundaries, may well be left to future settlement; and most people who know anything about such matters—especially at the present time, when the rival political currents are around—very well know that those points must be left, and will no doubt be safely left, to the High Authorities at Home and on the spot. We were glad to know that the concussion has, in a general way, been granted.

H.M.S. Waterwitch, which has been transferred from the *Albatross* to the *Albatross*, is now at the disposal of the Navy Department.

tion, arrived here yesterday afternoon. She was purchased by the Admiralty specifically for survey duties, and is a beautifully modelled schooner. Her original cost is said to have been £30,000, a large sum for a vessel of but 820 tons, but this was due to the fact that she was designed and constructed for a private owner as a yacht and was beautifully fitted up, luxuriously indeed. Her then owner christened her the *Lunenburg Witch* since

who purchased her at a reasonable figure when she came into the market. Her first commission for Australia was in June, 1884, when she was commissioned by Commander J. W. Combe, R.N., and at the expiration of three years she was further commissioned, this time by Lieutenant-Commander W. P. Dawson, R.N., at Sydney on April 21st, last year. The changes

lately been made in the Far East has necessitated a ship of this type being placed on the China Station, and the *Waterwitch* left Sydney via Antwerp on 14th May, with the following officers:—Lieutenant and Commander Wiloughby P. Dawson, Lieutenant Stewart C. Wigham, Lieutenant Hugh G. C. Somerville, Lieutenant Bishop O. M. Davy, Sub-Lieutenant Hugh B. Meiklejohn, Surgeon Edward C. Crisland, Assistant Paymaster in charge, Philip Le H. de la Serre.

VESSELS AT THE DOCK AT KINCHING
Lairds: Fous, Fulkeo, Hermosa, Ning-shan, Ex C. Mowat.
Berden. (None).

The *Singapore* publishes a telegram from Peking stating that at the Palace examinations of the new *Chinshih*, or Doctors, holders of the

Yuan was Hsiao Tung-ho, a native of Maan district, Kuichow province; the Scoundrel, or *Teng-ho*, Hsiao Tiao-tien, a native of Feng-shan district, Hunan province; and the *Wang*, or *Tan-ho*, Wang Hsiao-tung, a native of Chekiang district, Chekiang, named *Yi* Pei-yuan. It is said that this is the first time, within a century and a-half that Kuichow province has had three natives in the cabinet. Another curious point is that both *Opium* and *Scoundrel* of this year bear the surname of Hsiao.—*N. C. Daily News.*

The Military Government of the Jehu Province is appointed President of the National Government of the Kiang-Nan, N. C. *Early News.*

This message of the Yangchow territorial government, founded on the 10th instant, has been broken into by some persons unknown who carried off nearly 800 cartons of gunpowder. The military and civil officials of Yangchow are greatly alarmed at the news of the attack, and they consider it necessary to armed with arms in the near future by the *Kolon* State. Following upon this has been the arrest of an officer belonging to the said service battalion for having betrayed the Kiang-Nan which alleged to have spread about the military authorities that he had been in the province. He is detained here on the suspicion that he is guilty of complicity in which there has been quite a commotion among the military officers of the town lately. N. C. *Early News.*

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the "China Mail.")

LONDON, 16th June, 1898.

GERMANY IN THE FAR EAST.

The German newspapers are openly discussing the probability of Germany securing a port in the Philippines.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

An American lieutenant, who made a tour of observation of Santiago harbour, reports that the whole of the Spanish fleet is there.

Admiral Sampson says that the bodies of the American dead have been barbarously mutilated.

DEFEAT OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

The French Government has been defeated by fifty on a debate of general policy. Subsequently, a general resolution of confidence was adopted by a majority of twelve, in spite of which it is believed the Cabinet will resign.

(Le Courrier de Saigon.)

THE ROWLHORN HINTERLAND.

Paris, June 10.

The Tongatapu has signed the Convention calling for England, on land, the territory adjacent to Kawliou and opposite Hongkong.

(The Courier de Saigon.)

DISSOLUTION OF THE JAPANESE DIET.

The dissolution of the Diet was ordered on the 16th instant.

GREAT FIRE.

Messrs. Aggrill & Co.'s tea premises have been destroyed by fire. They were insured for £50,000.

(L'Aspir de Tonkin.)

CONCESSIONS TO FRANCE IN SOUTH CHINA.

Paris, June 7.

China has consented to France the right to construct a railway from Khabai to Nanchang, and has also given satisfaction for the murder of Père Berthelot in Kwangsi.

[None of our other Tonkin exchanges confirm this report, which is not incontestably improbable.—E. C. M.]

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory.

On the 17th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has fallen in Japan, slightly in the China coast. A depression lies to the S. of W. Japan, and pressure also remains low in a shallow area extending over the S. coast of China and the Formosa Channel.

Gradients slight for N.E. wind on the E. coast of China, moderate for S.W. winds over the China Sea. Forecast—varying winds; light to moderate; unsettled, showery.

TRANSUREAN AND CABIN PLACES are unsatisfactory and very grating.—Robinson Fiano Co.

Recent Chinese students, who have been sent by the Chinese Government at the desire of Japan to be educated in Japan, passed through Nagasaki by the Nippon-maru on the 16th inst. on their way to Tokyo. The students will remain at college in Tokyo for six years.—Nippon Daily Press.

It is not impossible (says the N. O. Daily News), though we do not say that it is probable, that the Japanese, in their rice and other experiments in government, which have caused a good deal of discontent in the country, may result in some advantage to the people, but as far as we can gather there is no fear of any trouble in the foreign settlements.

The Daily Chinese Progress states a native attempted to pass about a dozen ten-dollar counterfeit notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank as an exchange when he was in the French Consulate on the 11th inst. but apparently took flight at the counterfeits with the genuine ones in their possession. When the shopman was ready to detain his customer he had disappeared.

We hear (says the N. O. Daily News) that a movement is on foot among some of the enlightened young Chinese and their Japanese friends to procure a visit to the Emperor of China by the Emperor of Japan. His proposal that it be accomplished, it will result in a free and amicable alliance between the two empires, and that the Emperor of Japan may be able to persuade his brother at Peking to come out of his Palace and see something of the outside world, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

In consequence of the repeated encroachments by foreign powers on the soil of China, several native societies have been formed with the object of shielding the country from further aggression and promoting a national feeling amongst the people. Some of these societies, always on the lookout for some object at which to direct their energies, have selected these societies as suitable targets for their displeasure and have been impeaching several of them. One of the most recently formed of these bodies, a powerful organization known as the Society for the Preservation of the Country, having lately been denounced, the Emperor created a good deal of surprise, not to say consternation amongst the Chinese, by actually expressing his approval of the Society and its aims and purposes. Another society with similar pretensions in China and having a large membership in Chekiang and Yunnan, has been denounced apparently with success, for the impeachment of the Emperor has been submitted by his Majesty to the Council of State for consideration.

NEVER-KNOW-IT TO FAIL.

M. R. JOHNSTON, RAWALPINDI.

Says a Cebu correspondent, who has been personally tried by the Governor, General Aguinaldo, and his children, and has given it to the Governor, who is passing through a hole in the wall, and I must say I never knew it to fail. It is a medicine of no consequence, and one that everybody should know.

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THE WAR.

ARRIVAL OF H.M.S. 'LINNET'.

A REBEL REQUEST FOR ARMS.

HONGKONG, June 17.

H.M.S. 'Linnnet', which left Hongkong on 29th May for the Philippines, returned to port this morning, having coasted down from Manila to Cebu. The 'Linnnet' reached Manila on 1st June and Manila on the 2nd. Next day she proceeded down the coast, and calling at Zamboanga Bay, in the Island of Mindanao, a general column of the inhabitants took place. At every port of call, the appearance of the 'Linnnet' occasioned a state of panic amongst the inhabitants, both Spaniards and natives exhibiting ignorance respecting the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, and the 'Linnnet' was first of all taken by the inhabitants of each port to be an American man-of-war.

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THE GAMBLING SCANDAL.

A SANITARY INSPECTOR CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBES.

At the Magistrate's day, before Commissioner W. C. H. Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate, Donald McAllister, Inspector of Sanitation, was charged with unlawfully accepting, in his capacity of public servant, a bribe of \$200 with a view to induce him to do an act contrary to his duty as such public officer, namely to refrain from reporting and causing the alteration of an illegal structure on the third floor of No. 6 Queen's Street, at Victoria, in this Colony, contrary to the rights of honesty and integrity, on 17th inst.

Pisoner pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Gedge appeared for the defence. Detective Sergeant Gidley stated—About 7.30 a.m. on the 17th inst., I arrested defendant at No. 6 Queen's Street by direction of Inspector Hanson.

Cross-examination reserved.

The case was remanded till 22nd June, at 2 p.m., prisoner being allowed bail of \$200.

AMORY NOTES.

(From a Correspondent.)

Amoy, June 15.

There is not much news here just now. The country people and native merchants are not over-contented. A prolonged drought, coupled with the high cost

of food and the loss of Formosa, all rankle in the people's minds, and very little would raise trouble.

Things also are pretty bad, and for all these things the Central Government is blamed one way or the other. Moreover, from 60 to 70 per cent of the Chinese in Manila belong to Amoy, and the inability of the Chinese Government to protect them in any way is felt. They would gladly get out of Manila and bring their coin back to the ancestral homes, but they cannot do it. The Spaniards want their money, and Dorey has got them blocked up.

The French cruiser *Bayard* is here, and I am convinced means to watch events from here. Amoy is the best position in China between Hongkong and Cebu, protected from typhoons, sea, and possession of a harbour that could anchor in safety the whole of the fleet on this station.

The internal mineral wealth of the surrounding districts is known to be enormous. Japan has a keen eye on the place, I know, and I fancy France has also.

COL. MOSBY READY TO FIGHT.

OSBORNED AND INDICATED THAT HIS OFFER WAS NOT ACCEPTED.

New York, May 7.—Colonel John Singleton Mosby, formerly U.S. Consul at Hongkong, whose exploits as a cavalry leader in the Confederate service made him famous, recently wrote to General Miles offering his services in the war in Cuba.

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